



## POETS' CORNER.

### The Country Lassie & her Lover.

BY RICHARD COE, JR.

"To-morrow, ma, I'm sweet sixteen!  
And Billy Grimes, the drover,  
Has 'popped the question' to me, ma,  
And wants to be my lover!

To-morrow morn, he says, mamma,  
He's coming here quite early,  
To take a pleasant walk with me  
Across the field of barley."

"You must not go, my daughter dear,  
There's no use now talking;  
You shall not go across the field  
With Billy Grimes a-walking.  
To think of his presumption, too!  
The dirty, ugly drover!  
I wonder where your pride has gone,  
To think of such a rover!"

"Old Grimes's deal," you know, mamma,  
And Billy is so lonely!  
Besides, they say, to Grimes' estate,  
That Billy is the only  
Surviving heir to all that's left;  
And that they say is nearly  
A good ten thousand dollars, ma—  
About six hundred yearly."

"O, now I hear, my daughter dear,  
Your last remark quite clearly,  
Well, Billy is a clever lad,  
And no doubt loves you dearly!  
Remember, then, to-morrow morn,  
To be up bright and early,  
To take a pleasant walk with him,  
Across the field of barley."

THE WAY SOME WIVES ARE CALIFORNIZED.—  
Just see how wicked men induce their wives  
to let them go to the gold diggings, by work-  
ing upon their innocent love of show:

There is a wicked man I know,  
He coaxed his wife to let him go,  
But this is the way he did it though  
To get to California:

Says he—"I'll send you lumps of gold,  
Much more than your two hands can hold;  
In your own carriage you'll be rolled,  
Says she—"Now love, you know, my dear,  
I cannot live without you here,  
But one's own carriage sounds so queer!"  
You may go California.

## HUMOROUS.

A little humor, now and then,  
Is relished by the best of men.

SAYING TIME.—A minister who had  
considerable of a farm, as was generally  
case in our forefathers' days, went  
out to see one of his laborers, who was  
ploughing in the field, and he found him  
sitting on his plough, resting his team.

"John," said he, "would it not be a  
good plan for you to have a stub scythe  
here, and be cutting a few bushes while  
the oxen are resting?"  
John, with a solemn countenance, re-  
plied—

"Would it not be a good plan, sir, for  
you to have a swingling-board in the  
pulpit, and while the congregation is  
singing, you might swing a little flax."

The reverend gentleman turned away  
laughing heartily, and said no more  
about cutting bushes.

A certain tight-fisted old codger of this  
city happened in a Foster's Philosophical  
instrument manufactory a few weeks  
since, where he was shown the Lord's  
prayer engraved in a space about the size  
of a five cent piece, with which he was  
very much pleased. Returning home he  
related the circumstance to his family,  
and the following conversation ensued:

"My son, would you suppose that the  
Lord's Prayer could be engraved in a space  
no larger than the area of a half-dime?"

"Well—yes, father, if a half dime is  
as large in your body's eye as in yours,  
I think there would be no difficulty in  
putting it on about four times, and have  
space enough left for his *Sermon on the Mount*!"

The Lord's Prayer has not been  
effered to in family services since.

A political speaker, by his dull mon-  
otonous discourse, set the whole au-  
dience asleep, except a poor idiot, who  
sat with open mouth, listening. The  
speaker enraged, exclaimed—

"What! all asleep except this poor  
idiot?"

"Yes, exclaimed the natural, and if I  
was not a poor idiot, I would be asleep  
also."

A father wishing to dissuade his  
daughter from all thoughts of marriage,  
quoted to her the words, "She who mar-  
ries does well, but she who marries not  
does better." The daughter replied meek-  
ly, "Father, I am content to do well, let  
those do better who can."

"That's what I call capital punish-  
ment," as the boy said when his mother  
shut him up in the closet among the pre-  
serves.

A Hoosier who has heard Jenny Lind,  
says that her voice sends pleasant  
thrills through your heart, like the  
ringing of a dinner bell when a fel-  
low's mighty hungry.

## AGRICULTURAL.

I know of no occupation more honorable,  
than that of the tiller of the soil.—Jefferson.

### PLUM TREES.

Luke Wyman, Jr., of West Cambridge,  
Mass., is celebrated for his Plum Or-  
chards, from which he has wholly extir-  
pated the warts or knotty excrescences  
that so often disfigure this tree. He  
breaks the ground up about the trees in  
the fall; in the spring following about  
two pail-fuls of drainage of the cess-  
pool, with half a bushel of good new  
loam, must be spread about the roots, ad-  
ding also three pints of common salt.—  
None of this composition must touch  
the bark or roots of the tree, but spread  
about the tree in a circle of two or three  
feet in diameter. At the first flow of  
the sap in the spring, pare the knotty  
excrescences smoothly down to the natu-  
ral dimensions of the limb. Salt is a  
great fertilizer of Plum trees, and may  
be applied to advantage, in small quan-  
ties, at almost any time.

### PROFITS OF POULTRY RAISING.

Col. Minot Thayer, at the late Poultry  
Convention, held in Boston, stated that  
he had been engaged in Poultry raising  
for 15 years. His farm consisted of  
200 acres, and was acknowledged to be a  
good one, yet with an outlay of \$25,  
in connection with his fowl department,  
he derived more profit than from all  
the rest of his farm. It was his opin-  
ion that good policy required the keep-  
ing of but few fowls; he usually had not  
more than 100; with two acres of land  
and a running brook, that number would  
be very productive. His practice was to  
have two or three houses in which to  
shelter them in winter; these houses  
were made of stone on three sides. It  
was necessary, he said, to give the hens  
meat or fish in the winter when they  
would lay eggs as freely as in summer.

Mr. Giles, of Providence, said that  
200 or 300 fowls might be kept on two or  
three acres of land. Their houses should  
be cleaned as often as once a week, and  
a little slackened lime strewed in them.  
Mr. Giles was of the opinion that the  
Dorking and white Shanghai are the  
most profitable fowls.

### Leaves as Manure.

Leaves, buds, and tender branches are  
peculiarly rich in the vegetable alkali;  
besides which they contain other organic  
elements, derived from the soil, enrich-  
ing its surface, tending to prevent its  
exhaustion, or when newly applied—that  
is to other ground—to enrich it more  
than superficially.

Leaves—and the remark is applicable  
to the tender branches also—seem des-  
tined by nature for the manure of the for-  
est land, and indeed of ground generally  
wherever trees grow. The roots collect  
the inorganic elements essential to ve-  
getation, from the soil, penetrating deep-  
ly and widely; the leaves detain and  
store up a certain portion of them with  
other elements derived from the atmos-  
phere, such as are required for their  
growth; and these returned to the soil  
with the fall of the leaf, and there un-  
dergoing decomposition, are ready to be  
appropriated again, and re-administered  
to the process of vegetable growth.—  
*English Farmer's Herald.*

### Cold, or Catarrh in Sheep.

Flock masters should be particularly  
careful of their sheep when affected with  
a cold during the winter months; for if  
neglected, it frequently becomes so deep-  
ly seated as to be incurable, and ends in  
phthisis, or consumption. The best  
remedy for a cold is, first, place your  
sheep in a well ventilated, dry stable,  
comfortably littered; and second, give  
any slightly purging medicine, with a  
moderate allowance of hay, and a bran  
mash one-fifth of which should be oil  
meal. Colds, or catarrhs, are not only  
epidemic but endemic; be careful, there-  
fore where you winter your sheep, that  
there be no predisposing cause in their  
locality; and when they are attacked, re-  
move them instantly from the flock.—  
By following these precautions and keep-  
ing them well fed, sheltered, aired, wa-  
tered and salted, one may bid defiance to  
disease among his flock.—*American Agri-  
culturist.*

POTATOES.—A correspondent, at Swe-  
den, (Me.) writes to inquire the cause  
of rot in potatoes—as for a remedy he  
has tried a gill of salt and a little plas-  
ter, on each hill. His potatoes have not  
rotted, while all the fields around him  
were very badly affected. He is not a-  
ware that Providence has interfered to fa-  
vor him, as he is uncertain whether his  
success is owing to salt, to plaster, to  
both united, to a new soil, to a want of  
barn manure, or to a mixture of various  
kinds of potatoes on planting.—*Mass.  
Ploughman.*

Youth is a glorious invention. While  
the girls chase the hours, and the boys  
chase the girls, the months seem to dance  
away with them upon their feet. What a  
pity our summer is so short! Before you  
know it, gay young lovers become de-  
cons, and romping girls grandmothers.

Benjamin Franklin very quaintly ob-  
serves that "It was other people's eyes  
that ruined us."

A young man at Niagara, having been  
crossed in love, walked out to the brink  
of the fall, deliberately took his clothes  
off—gave one lingering look at the gulf  
beneath him—and then—went home. His  
body was found next morning in  
bed.

## Advertising.

As education is the cheap defense of  
nations, so is advertising the cheap de-  
fense of custom and profit to men in all  
kinds of business. It is a moving sign-  
post, possessing the rare power of ubi-  
quity. If a man pays for emblazoning  
his name over his door—and pays dearly  
for it as he must—one out of every hun-  
dred who pass by, may chance to recog-  
nize it; but if the same man places his  
name, and briefly states his business in  
the columns of a popular newspaper, it  
goes about, exhibiting both to thousands  
daily; informing the reader, who may be  
interested in the information, of the ve-  
ry thing which he was desirous to know.  
He did not care to be told that John  
Smith resided in any particular street,  
but when John's residence was coupled  
with cheap clothing, cheap millinery,  
cheap family medicines, cheap hardware,  
cheap furniture, cheap anything, it then  
became a matter of importance—a prin-  
ciple of economy with him, to make  
John's acquaintance.

It is thus that some men attract lib-  
eral custom to themselves, and really con-  
fer a benefit upon the public, by adver-  
tising; while others assume high rents,  
fit out splendid stores, pay large salaries  
to clerks, and do every thing to see are  
a prosperous business, but the one thing  
needful—advertising. This they fail to  
do, and hence they do not secure a fair  
share of business.

### A PRACTICAL JOKE.

A gentleman of considerable talent as  
an orator became a member of the legis-  
lative body, in one the Eastern States.  
In speaking he was addicted to an old  
habit of handling his spectacles; first  
placing them on his nose, suffering them  
to remain a minute or two, throwing  
them upon his forehead, and finally fol-  
ding them up and laying them before him  
on the desk. One day a very important  
question came up for consideration, and  
he commenced a speech in opposition.  
A friend to the proposed measure, who  
was a most incorrigible wag withal, de-  
termined to spoil the effect of the hono-  
rable member's remarks, and accordingly,  
before he entered the house, provided  
himself with a dozen pair of spectacles;  
the member commenced his speech with  
his usual ability. But a few minutes  
had elapsed before he was at work with  
his spectacles and finally got them upon  
his forehead. At this juncture our wag,  
who stood ready, laid another pair upon  
the desk before the speaker. These were  
taken up, and by gradual gradations,  
gained a place upon his forehead, by the  
side of other. A third, fourth and fifth  
pair were disposed of the same manner.  
A smile settled upon the countenances  
of the honorable members, which gradually  
enlightened into a grin, and at last, when  
the speaker had warmed into one of his  
most patriotic sentences, he deposited a  
sixth pair with the others, and there was  
one long and loud peal of laughter from  
all quarters of the hall—presidents, clerks  
and members joining in the chorus. The  
speaker looked around him in astonish-  
ment at this curious interruption; but  
raising his hand, he grasped the spec-  
tacles and the whole force of the joke  
rushed upon his mind. He dashed the glasses  
upon the floor, took his hat and left  
the hall. The bill passed by a triumphant  
majority, probably in consequence  
of the gentleman's silly and useless habit.

ABUSE OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.—  
Some twelve or thirteen bags of mail  
matter, weighing upwards of thirteen  
hundred pounds, all going to Mr. Senator  
Borland, of Arkansas, under his own  
frank, went from our own City Post Of-  
fice to the mail-box going south this  
morning. The postage on this single lot  
of books, &c., which this honorable Sen-  
ator has franked to himself, would a-  
mount to two or three hundred dollars,  
so the people can see the manner in which  
Uncle Sam is made to bleed by those  
who are the foremost in crying out against  
the irregularity of the mails. Such abuses  
as these ought to stimulate the peo-  
ple to demand that the franking privilege  
be taken away altogether.—*Louisville  
Courier.*

CURIOUS DECISION.—The lawyers in  
New York must write a miserable scrawl,  
judging from the following laconic decision  
made by Judge Edmonds, on Satur-  
day week:

Bloodgood vs. Trow.—Being unable  
to find out from the papers, what the  
parties want, or what they are after, the  
motion, whatever it is, must be denied.

Myers & Co., vs. Huntly.—A motion  
to change place of trial denied, mainly  
because the moving papers are so illegi-  
ble that they cannot be read.

### YOUNG LADIES!

Never marry a man who treats his  
mother or sister unkindly or indiffer-  
ently; such treatment is a sure indication  
of a mean and wicked heart. A young  
man guilty of such meanness will never  
make a good husband. When you see  
a young man who is affectionate to his  
aged mother and sisters, attentive to all  
their wants with filial love and tenderness,  
virtuous and lovely in his deportment,  
fear not; his worth is above rubies.

Why is a tailor called the ninth part  
of a man? Because 'money makes the man,'  
and tailors never get more than a ninth  
part of what is due them.

True politeness is perfect ease and  
freedom. It simply consists in treating  
others as you would love to be treated  
yourself.

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